

Health Insurance Flexibility & Accountability Waiver Program Termination
Public Notice

Nevada's Health Insurance Flexibility and Accountability (HIFA) §1115 Demonstration Waiver five year approval expires the end of November 2011. This waiver program is authorized and funded within Section 1115 (a) of the Children's Health Insurance Program (Title XXI of the Social Security Act). Through this waiver Nevada has expanded eligibility to individuals not otherwise eligible under the Nevada Medicaid and CHIP programs.

The Nevada HIFA waiver program includes two eligibility groups- Pregnant Women who do not qualify for Medicaid and whose net annual income is above 133% and at or below 185% of the federal poverty level (FPL). The second eligibility group is individuals who qualify for insurance-premium subsidy payments through the Employer Sponsored Insurance Premium Subsidy program, called Nevada Check Up Plus. This program was designed for parents, caretaker relatives, or legal guardians of Medicaid or Nevada Check Up children, or other low-income parents, caretaker relatives or legal guardians.

Due to Nevada not meeting the new regulations under the Children's Health Insurance Program Reauthorization Act (CHIPRA) Section 111, State option to cover low-income pregnant women under CHIP through a State plan amendment, and Section 112, Phase-out of coverage for nonpregnant childless adults under CHIP; conditions for coverage of parents, Nevada will not renew its Health Insurance Flexibility and Accountability (HIFA) waiver.

Individuals may be able to find assistance through Access to Healthcare Network (AHN). AHN is for Nevadans who don't have healthcare insurance or other coverage. AHN works with an extensive network of local doctors, hospitals and other healthcare providers across Nevada to offer access to healthcare services at greatly reduced rates to its members. For more information about this program you can contact AHN at 1-877-385-2345 or www.accesstohealthcare.org.

Another potential resource is Nevada's 211 hotline which maintains a list of programs and services available to residents.

If you have any questions, please contact our office 1-877-KIDS N OW (543-7669).